

Green Tier Advisors
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Stakeholder Involvement 1.0

ISSUE SUMMARY: Identify ways that the Advisors would like to engage/involve stakeholders.

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BACKGROUND:

At the last meeting, there was discussion about the ways that stakeholders could be involved in the work of the Advisors. Department staff agreed to compile a list of options that could be used. The list of options is provided below:

1. Electronic comments submitted to the Department's Green Tier web page, and also to the Blog site if it is arranged so that public comments can be accepted through the Blog site.
2. Further invitations to key stakeholders to attend and participate in the Advisor's meetings.
3. Notice being sent to all interested stakeholders about upcoming Advisor's meetings, and treat as with open meetings, they can attend but not participate.
4. Set aside some time at each meeting for stakeholder and public participation.
5. If there is enough interest, there could hold stakeholder meetings by video conference, allowing stakeholders to participate at various video conference sites around the state. Stakeholders and members of the public could be required to sign up for public participation by a certain date, similar to public appearances at NRB meetings.
6. Schedule separate meetings of the Advisors for only stakeholder and public participation and input.
7. Distribute the phone numbers, addresses, and e-mails of the Advisors, electronically and through written notice, to encourage stakeholder contacts of the Advisors.
8. Summarize and share all comments submitted on Green Tier applications and process development with the Advisors.
9. Invite specific stakeholders and parties to participate in meetings.
10. Provide for a formal sharing of recommendations with stakeholders as a planned comment period before recommendations are made to the Secretary.

A point to bear in mind is that when accepting comments or allowing testimony through some type of public participation, the Advisors need to treat all stakeholders and members of the public in the same manner with the same opportunity for input.

APPROACH:

Advisors identify those stakeholder strategies that would be of interest, future meeting agenda setting, logistics and planning can be done in a way to make sure that stakeholders are engaged.

DISCUSSION:

DISCUSSION SYNOPSIS (from prior meetings):